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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

In re:

**CMHA-TCB LAUREL HOMES I** : Chapter 11

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP : Case No. 11-11953

: Judge Burton Perlman Debtor.

Chapter 11

CMHA-TCB LAUREL HOMES V LIMITED PARTNERSHIP Case No. 11-11966 Judge Burton Perlman

Debtor.

# MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER DIRECTING JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF DEBTORS' CHAPTER 11 CASES

Debtors CMHA-TCB Laurel Homes I Limited Partnership ("Laurel Homes I") and CMHA-TCB Laurel Homes V Limited Partnership ("Laurel Homes V") (collectively "Debtors") move this Court ("Motion") under Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) for entry of an order ("Order"), in the form attached as <u>Exhibit A</u>, granting joint administration of their respective chapter 11 cases (collectively "Chapter 11 Cases"). In support of this Motion, Debtors state:

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue of this proceeding and this Motion is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
  - 2. The statutory basis for the requested relief is Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b).

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 3. Debtors commenced the Chapter 11 Cases by filing voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on March 31, 2011.
- 4. Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their affairs as debtors-in-possession. No creditors' committee, trustee or examiner has been appointed in either of the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 5. Laurel Homes I and Laurel Homes V own and operate phases of the City West Housing Development located in the West End of Cincinnati.
- 6. The Laurel Homes I and Laurel Homes V phases of the City West Housing Development, together with all other phases of the City West Housing Development, are managed by The Community Builders, Inc. ("TCB").
- 7. TCB Laurel Homes I, Inc., an Ohio corporation, is the General Partner of Laurel Homes I ("General Partner").
- 8. TCB Laurel Homes V, Inc., an Ohio corporation, is the General Partner of Laurel Homes V ("General Partner").
- 9. GBCD Partnership Services, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, owns 100% of TCB Laurel Homes I, Inc. and 79% of TCB Laurel Homes V, Inc. GBCD Partnership Services, Inc. is owned 100% by TCB.
- 10. The NEF Assignment Corporation, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, as nominee ("NEF"), is the Limited Partner, which owns approximately 99.99% of both Laurel Homes I and Laurel Homes V, with the balance of each entity being owned by its General Partner and an Ohio corporation that acts as an "Authority Limited Partner" sponsored by Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, an unincorporated association ("CMHA").

- 11. Laurel Homes I and Laurel Homes V entered into separate financing agreements with the Cincinnati Development Fund, Inc., an Ohio not-for-profit corporation ("CDF"), which subsequently assigned its mortgage loan interests to and continues to service said mortgage loan interests on behalf of PNC Bank, N.A., as Trustee.
- 12. Both Laurel Homes I and Laurel Homes V, because these phases of the City West Housing Development are "mixed finance" developments containing public housing units, low income housing tax credit units, and market rate housing units, have various contractual relationships with CDF, the Ohio Housing Financing Agency, an independent state agency ("OHFA"), and CMHA.
- 13. Laurel Homes I and Laurel Homes V were named defendants in a foreclosure action filed by PNC Bank, N.A., as Trustee in Hamilton County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas Case Number A-10-10292, pursuant to which a receiver was sought to be appointed for Debtors' phases of the City West Housing Development, which action was stayed upon the filing of these Chapter 11 Cases.
- 14. Both Debtors have kept relatively current in paying outside vendor unsecured creditors not affiliated with Debtors, such that the unsecured debt to outside vendors in each case is not significant.
- 15. Based on the foregoing, the development and operation of Laurel Homes I and Laurel Homes V involve the same nucleus of operative facts, including but not limited to similar documents, the same regulations, the same lending parties, and similar contractual arrangements with the governmental or quasi-governmental entities and agencies involved.

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#### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

- 16. To efficiently administer Debtors pending Chapter 11 Cases, they should be jointly administered, for procedural purposes only, under the case number assigned to Laurel Homes I, which was the first case to be filed.
- 17. Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) provides that: "(i)f...two or more petitions are pending in the same court by or against...(4) a debtor and an affiliate, the court may order a joint administration of the estates."
- 18. Debtors are an "affiliate" of each other as that term is defined in Bankruptcy Code § 101(2).
- 19. The secured lenders and other significant interested parties are the same in both cases. There does not appear to be any inherent conflicts of interest between Debtors. Both Debtors will likely be served by the same professionals subject to retention by the Court.
- 20. Many of the motions, hearings, and orders that will arise in these Chapter 11 Cases will jointly affect both Debtors. By jointly administering these Chapter 11 Cases, Debtors will be able to reduce fees and costs resulting from the administration of these cases and ease the administrative burden of having to file multiple and duplicative documents.
- 21. The rights of Debtors' respective creditors will not be adversely affected by the joint administration of these Chapter 11 Cases because this Motion requests only administrative, not substantive, consolidation of the estates. For example, any creditor may still file a claim against a particular Debtor or its estate, or both Debtors and their respective estates. Debtors' creditors will benefit from the reduced costs resulting from joint administration. This Court also will be relieved of the burden of entering duplicative orders and maintaining duplicative files.

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Finally, supervision of the administrative aspects of these Chapter 11 Cases by the Office of the United States Trustee will be simplified.

22. Based on the foregoing, the joint administration of these Chapter 11 Cases is in the best interest of Debtors, their creditors and all parties-in-interest. Accordingly, Debtors request that the caption of these Chapter 11 Cases be modified to reflect the joint administration of such cases, as follows:

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

IN RE: : Chapter 11

CMHA-TCB LAUREL HOMES I : Case No: 11-11953 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, et al. 1 : (Jointly Administered)

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Debtor : Judge Burton Perlman

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23. Debtors also request that a docket entry be made in each of the above-captioned cases substantially as follows:

An order has been entered in this case directing the procedural consolidation and joint administration of the chapter 11 cases commenced by CMHA-TCB Laurel Homes I Limited Partnership and CMHA-TCB Laurel Homes V Limited Partnership, which filed under Case Nos. 11-11953 and 11-11966, respectively. The docket in Case No. 11-11953 should be consulted for all matters affecting the above listed cases.

24. Debtors also seek authority to file monthly operating reports required by the Operating Guidelines and Financial Reporting Requirements promulgated by the U.S. Trustee on a consolidated basis if Debtors determine, after consultation with the U.S. Trustee, that filing consolidated reports promotes administrative efficiency without prejudice to parties in interest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases are: CMHA-TCB Laurel Homes I Limited Partnership and CMHA-TCB Laurel Homes V Limited Partnership.

#### WAIVER OF MEMORANDUM OF LAW

25. This Motion includes citations to and a discussion of the applicable authorities. Accordingly, Debtors respectfully submit that such citations and discussion satisfy the requirement that Debtors submit a separate memorandum of law in support of this Motion pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(a).

#### **NOTICE**

26. No trustee, examiner, or creditors' committee has been appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases. Debtors have provided notice of this Motion to: (i) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Ohio; (ii) the creditors listed on Debtors' list of twenty largest unsecured creditors, as filed with the chapter 11 petition; (iii) all parties asserting a security interest or mortgage in the assets of Debtors to the extent reasonably known to Debtors; (iv) all parties who have entered a notice of appearance in these Chapter 11 Cases; and the creditors listed on the attached Master Service List. In light of the nature of the relief requested, Debtors submit that no further notice is required or needed under the circumstances.

### **NO PRIOR REQUEST**

27. No prior motion for relief requested herein has been made to this Court or any other court.

WHEREFORE, Debtors respectfully request that this Court enter an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, (i) authorizing the joint administration of these Chapter 11 Cases under the case number assigned to Laurel Homes I, and (ii) granting such other relief as this Court deems appropriate.

April 6, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on April 6, 2011, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Entry of an Order Directing Joint Administration of Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases was served on the following registered ECF participants, **electronically** through the court's ECF System at the email address registered with the court:

U.S. Trustee

and on the following by **ordinary U.S. Mail** addressed to:

See attached Master Service List.

/s/ Charles M. Meyer, Esq. Charles M. Meyer, Esq.

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# MASTER SERVICE LIST FOR LAUREL HOMES I & LAUREL HOMES V

A&V Contactors, LLC	All-Gone Termite & Pest Control, Inc.
232 Huron Avenue	9037 Sutton Place
Dayton, Ohio 45417	Hamilton, Ohio 45011
B&B Window & Door, LLC	Baron James Osterman
6417 Taylor Road	310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45248	Cincinnati, Ohio 45214
Brett Thomas	Call Source
3567 Edwards Road, #3	P. O. Box 60280
Cincinnati, Ohio 45204	Los Angeles, CA 90060-0280
Charles Brown	Christopher M. Vogelpohl
dba Charlie's Carpet Service	312 Ezzard Charles Drive
4874 Reading Road	Cincinnati, Ohio 45214
Cincinnati, Ohio 45237	Cincinnati, Onio 13211
Cincinnati Bell	Cincinnati Color Company
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45274-8003	Cincinnati, Ohio 45203
Cincinnati Development Fund	Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority
1100 Walnut Street	16 West Central Parkway
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202	Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Cincy Carpets Unlimited, Inc.	Cintas Corporation – Ohio
10270 Spartan Drive	P. O. Box 630803
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215	Cincinnati, Ohio 45263-0803
CORE Communications, LLC	Cort Furniture Rental
P. O. Box 531	Cort Business Services
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45239	Cincinnati, Ohio 45224
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45238	Cleveland, Ohio 44193
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45203	Louisville, KY 40290-1076
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